

# Restore event databases

Restore the event databases to recover lost or damaged audit data, according to your established disaster recovery strategies. For best results, use the following guidelines:

- Perform a full restore, including the transaction logs
- Schedule the restore during off-hours, or times when you expect the least audit activity
- Restore all event databases during the same restore procedure
- Restore the SQLcompliance database during the same restore procedure to ensure audit data integrity remains intact

## To restore the event databases:

1. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to close any open connections to the SQLcompliance database.
2. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to take the SQLcompliance database offline. ***If you cannot take the SQLcompliance database offline***, stop the Collection Service.
3. Use a tool such as IDERA [SQL Safe](#) to restore the SQLcompliance database using the appropriate backup file, including transaction logs.
4. Use a tool such as IDERA [SQL Safe](#) to restore each event database using the appropriate backup file, including the transaction logs. Each registered SQL Server instance has a corresponding event database. For more information, see [Product components and architecture](#).
5. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to bring the SQLcompliance database online.

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